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PROGRAM: JOHN T. SCHOLZ AND MARTHA M. BATESON

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1. FOLLOWING COMMENTS REGARDING PROPOSED DOCTORAL DISSERTATION GRANTS REPRESENT OPINION OF BOTH MISSION AND FOUNDATION FOLLOWING EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS.

2. JOHN SCHOLZ: PROPOSED RESEARCH INTO ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE OF MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE IS NOT REPEAT NOT APPROPRIATE AT PRESENT TIME. PROJECT IS HIGHLY SENSITIVE AND MOST LIKELY NOT FEASIBLE. FOLLOWING ARREST OF FORMER AGRICULTURE SECRETARY UNDER CHARGES OF MALFEASANCE AND CORRUPTION, MANY OFFICIALS IN MINISTRY UNDER INVESTIGATION BY GOVERNMENT AND SOME TOP POSTS REMAIN UNFILLED. MISSION FEELS STRONGLY PROJECT SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE SUPPORTED BY U.S. GOVERNMENT GRANT AND SCHOLZ BE ADVISED TO ABANDON PROJECT FOR PRESENT TIME.

3. MARTHA BATESON: PROPOSED COMPARISON OF VERBAL SYSTEMS IN NEPALI AND TIBETAN IS NOT SENSITIVE TOPIC AND UNIVERSITY IS WILLING TO AFFILIATE CANDIDATE. HOWEVER, UNIVERSITY LINGUISTS AGREE THERE IS LITTLE BASIS FOR PROPOSED COMPARISON SINCE TWO LANGUAGES LARGELY UNRELATED. NEVERTHELESS, UNIVERSITY FEELS CONSIDERABLE VALUE IN PROPOSED METHOD OF DESCRIBING AND ANALYZING BOTH LANGUAGES SEPARATELY.

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